

ELEVATOR BLAST COST SIX LIVES

GRAIN LOSS A MILLION IN CHICAGO ARMOUR PLANT

STILL SEARCHING FOR BODIES

Portion of One Man's Remains Picked Up Far From Scene of Dust Explosion.

Chicago, Ill.—Six men are known to have been killed in the explosion of the Armour Grain company's big Northwestern elevator at one hundred twenty-second street and Trenchard avenue. The bodies of two victims have been found and identified. Four more are believed to be buried under the tons of debris, concrete and twisted half-molten steel which may take weeks to clear away.

The known dead are two watchmen, Paul Bala and Henry Osterman, of 6546 South Sangamon street. Bala's body was blown from an upper section of the giant structure far into the railroads to the south, when it was picked up, headless and with only tatters of clothing and one shoe remaining on it. Osterman's body was taken from among a mass of steel and wreckage in what had been a lower section of the structure.

The four men unaccounted for and believed to lie in the ruins are Louis Reich, 39 years old; Arthur Beattmann, 30 years old; M. J. Wiltze, 28 years old, and Amill Marsell, 43 old.

The grain loss was placed at bordering on \$1,000,000 by officials of the grain company. There was \$4,000,000 worth of grain in the elevators. E. A. James, secretary of the company, said this consisted of 5,000,000 bushels of oats, a million and a half of corn, and about 200,000 bushels of wheat. LaSalle street was of the opinion that the grain loss will not affect the markets.

Recruiting Student Nurses.

Omaha, Neb.—In view of the constantly increasing demand for graduate nurses, the American Red Cross, in cooperation with other National Nursing agencies, has arranged a National movement for the purpose of recruiting students to enter Hospital Training Schools. Applicants may have their choice of training school they wish to enter. State registration laws require a candidate to have at least two years of High School education, and be at least eighteen years of age. The expense of a student in training is very nominal, uniforms, aprons, textbooks, etc., being furnished. Training schools are beginning to realize that if they wish to attract the right kind of women, they must meet the needs of that class. Many schools have adopted shortened hours of duty—the social needs of student nurses are receiving a great deal of attention. These improved conditions are attracting a splendid class of young women. The nurse's training is a liberal education in itself, and when completed she finds herself fitted to enter many interesting fields of service, such as: institutional work as superintendent public health work as school or visiting nurse; private duty nurse; government service in army or navy; missionary work; industrial work in factories. Salaries paid a graduate nurse average higher than that of other professional women; in many cases she receives her living in addition to her salary. Nursing is the "big" thing now that the war is over—it makes the world safe to live in. Any girl who has had two years of High School education and is interested may obtain further information by communicating with Mrs. A. F. Leermakers, Chairman of Nursing Activities, Omaha Chapter, American Red Cross, 202 City Hall, Omaha, Neb.

Mexico Railway Men Returning.

Mexico City.—A gradual return to work of the railroad strikers, following a settlement of their differences with the authorities, was recorded by Excelsior, which asserted 8,000 resumed their duties. There still appears to be some doubt among newspapers as to the durability of the agreement.

Clara Smith Hamon Baptized.

Ardmore, Okla.—Clara Smith Hamon, acquitted of a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, was baptized in the First Christian church of Ardmore by Dr. C. S. Brooks, its pastor. Mrs. G. J. James, of Los Angeles, Cal., sister of Mrs. Hamon, also was baptized. Accompanied by her family, Mrs. Hamon attended the morning service, after which she approached the pastor and asked the baptismal service.

To Fight Beer Ruling.

Washington, D. C.—The Anti-Saloon league is prepared to fight until the opinion by former Attorney General Palmer holding that beer may be prescribed as a medicine is overruled by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the league, announced.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson Ill.

Hampton, Ia.—William E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, world famous prohibition lecturer, is reported as seriously ill of an affection of the throat at the Lutheran hospital here.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD



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President Harding sent a message to the senate urging immediate ratification of the Colombia \$25,000,000 treaty. Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader, opposed consideration of the treaty and succeeded in forcing postponement to the sixty-seventh congress.

HANG 6 IN DUBLIN

British Execute Prisoners Convicted of Killing Soldiers.

Twenty Thousand Persons Gather Outside Mount Joy Prison—Big Demonstration Held.

Dublin, March 15.—Six prisoners convicted of complicity in the killing of the British intelligence officers and members of the crown forces in Ireland, were executed in Mount Joy prison, this city.

The men were hanged in pairs at intervals of an hour.

Twenty thousand people gathered outside the prison during the hours that the executions were going on and all work in the city stopped until 11 o'clock. Even the postoffice was closed and telegraph service was suspended.

There was a striking demonstration here in protest against the executions.

\$2,000,000 FOR DODGE'S SON

Young Man Settles Out of Court Suit to Break Will of His Father.

Detroit, Mich., March 15.—Settlement out of court of the contest instituted by John Duval Dodge, to break the will of his father, John F. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, was announced here. Young Dodge, bequeathed an annuity of approximately \$1,500, is to receive \$2,000,000 of the estate, estimated at \$50,000,000.

Trouble between Dodge and his father crystallized in April, 1918, when the young Dodge married secretly. Part of the \$2,000,000 was turned over to young Dodge. The rest will be paid when the formal order is made in court.

OVERLAND LIMITED IN WRECK

Two Injured as Eight C. & N. W. Coaches Are Ditched at Agnew, Ill.

Chicago, March 15.—Eight coaches of the Overland limited, east bound over the Chicago & Northwestern railway, went into the ditch at Agnew, Ill. Edward Sandaling, a baggage man, slightly bruised, and Mrs. L. G. Ogle, an invalid on her way to New Castle, N. H., who suffered a severe nervous shock, were the only ones injured. The coaches of the crack train, however, were badly smashed and the right of way was torn up for nearly a thousand feet.

SPECIAL SESSION ON APRIL 11

Senator Lodge So Announces at White House After Conference With Harding.

Washington, March 16.—Congress will be called into special session Monday, April 11, Senator Lodge announced at the White House after a conference with President Harding.

The date is a week later than that which had been generally discussed and will give congressional leaders additional time in which to frame the proposed program as to tax and tariff revision.

Pennsylvania Beats Daylight Bill.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 16.—A daylight-saving bill was defeated by the lower house of the Pennsylvania legislature, 142 to 50.

Insurgents Take Railroads.

Harbin, Manchuria, March 16.—The railways running between Omsk and Tumen, Omsk and Kurgan, and Omsk and Mariuski, have been captured by the insurgents and the soviet government overthrown.

LaFollette Again Blocks Esch.

Washington, March 16.—Senator LaFollette succeeded in having consideration of the nomination of former Representative John Esch of Wisconsin for interstate commerce commissioner postponed again.

WANT PACKERS AT MEDIATION

Secretary of Labor Davis Is Asked to Avoid Any Delay.

ARMOUR PLANS CO-OPERATION

Would Give Employees Equal Representation in Determining Wages—Dennis Lane of Workers' Union Brands Plan as Bunk.

Chicago, March 16.—Packers' employees will be represented by Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the Meat Cutters' union, and one other leader, at the meeting with Secretary of Labor Davis to effect mediation in Washington next Monday, it was announced in a telegram to the secretary.

"We will defer to you and two representatives will be present at your meeting in Washington on March 21. We would greatly appreciate a statement from you as to whether or not packers will preserve status heretofore existing pending your mediatory efforts. We also respectfully suggest that you arrange to have the packers' principals present," the telegram said.

"In the past, men who had to report back to their employers before making decisions were sent to the meetings," Mr. Lane explained. "We wish to keep anything like that from entering into this conference."

Word came from Washington that Attorney James C. Condon and Carol Meyer of Chicago had arrived to represent the packers before Secretary Davis.

Others on the mediation board will be Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace.

It was announced at the headquarters of the union that Samuel Gompers will be here to speak at a mass meeting of employees and to attend a session of their representatives, at which a definite plan of action in fighting the pay cuts will be decided on.

The unions announced they plan an alliance with farmers against the packers.

J. Ogden Armour said a co-operative plan, to become effective immediately, would give Armour & Co. employees equal representation in the determination of wages, working conditions, welfare, and all matters of mutual interest.

An election to choose representation on a temporary committee which will determine the methods of election in the plant will be held.

Swift & Co., it has been indicated, will announce a similar plan in the near future.

Dennis Lane branded the plan as "bunk."

"It is the old game of a company union wherein Mr. Armour and other packers will put up men who will pose as the representatives of their fellow workers," he said. "We're satisfied that the packers are not going to get away with this fake democracy. There is no more chance of the men standing for this than there would be for the packers consenting to have the men elect the directors of their companies."

FIUME SCORNS U. S. CONSUL

Wants Recognition to Be Mutual, So American Leaves City for Trieste.

Trieste, March 16.—William Kehlenger, the American consul to Fiume, left that city for Trieste to await instructions from the State department at Washington, after having been refused recognition by the Fiume government.

Dr. Antonia Grossich, provisional head of Fiume, said to Mr. Kehlenger: "We were surprised at this action on the part of your government in asking us to recognize you and protect you when the United States has not recognized us."

Before the war Fiume had a large trade with America.

TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT

American Legion Takes Steps to Shield Men Wrongfully Classed as Slackers.

Indianapolis, March 15.—National officers of the American Legion here took steps to protect men who may be wrongfully classed as draft evaders in the lists to be issued soon by the War department, and to make certain that none guilty of evading military service escape.

Bulletins were sent to all the Legion posts and units of the women's auxiliary, directing them to assist the Department of Justice in establishing the correctness of the lists.

Announce Wage Cut.

Philadelphia, March 17.—The Pennsylvania railroad announced it will post notices not later than Thursday informing all officers and employees that it proposes to reduce salaries and wages, effective April 20.

Five Perish in Pullman Car.

Pueblo, Colo., March 17.—Five persons burned to death when a rear Pullman car on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad caught fire at about two o'clock in the morning between Pueblo and Walsenburg.

FAVOR NEW PRISON

HOUSE MEMBERS VOTE FOR NEW REFORMATORY TO BE BUILT FOR FIRST OFFENDERS

DISPUTE OVER LOCATION

Objectors to Building New Institution Near Penitentiary Succeed in Voting Down Emergency Clause—Means Delay

Lincoln.—Because the state reformatory bill has been amended to locate the new institution "near and in connection with" the state penitentiary, enough house members withheld their support from it on final passage to knock out the emergency clause. The bill passed, however, without the clause.

There were some who voted against it both times because they do not favor establishing a reformatory, for which \$300,000 is appropriated in the budget maintenance bill.

A considerable number of reformatory advocates want it entirely separated from the penitentiary and under different management. The majority, however, decided that the two institutions could be run under the same supervision, without having two sets of officials, two power plants and unnecessary duplication of other features.

Primary Bill Through House

The Douglas primary bill has passed the lower house by a vote of 53 to 43. It is conceded by members to be the only tampering with the direct primary that the house will stand for.

Under the provisions of this bill any person may file for a state office without paying a fee, by dropping his name or petition into the office of secretary of state. The latter certifies all of these names to each party state convention, held in May. The convention takes one ballot on each office, and the three highest are certified to the secretary of state. All others are eliminated and only the ones who have qualified pay fees.

House Objects to Senate Amendment

On motion of Representative Mosley, the house declined to concur in a senate amendment to H. R. 73, which requires the governor to fill vacancies in the offices of United States senator, congressman, or member of the legislature by appointing persons of the same political affiliations as the previous incumbents. The speaker was authorized to name a conference committee on the bill.

Limit Stock Salesmen Fees

No more than 10 per cent can be paid for agents' commission and all other expense of selling stock in Nebraska under an amendment to the bureau securities blue sky bill, which was adopted by nearly unanimous vote by the house. The limit fixed by the original bill was 15 per cent, but this was cut to 10 on a motion by Mr. Mears.

Railway Commission Changes Ruling

The state railway commission has authorized the cancellation of the rule requiring that all boxes, drums and pails containing goods presented to railroads should bear the name and address of the shipper and a description of the contents. The interstate commerce commission does not require this, and the order will make the rule uniform.

Game Law Violators Fined

Twenty-two hunters who violated the law in Nebraska the last two weeks have been fined in the state courts, and eleven of them, who shot birds out of season, are held for government authorities for violating the federal migratory law, it has been announced by State Game Warden George Koster.

Pass Movie Censorship Bill

The movie censorship bill, passed the house by a vote of 69 to 35 after some of the opponents had failed to make good their threat or promise that the measure never will become a law. The bill was held back from third reading for the staging in the house of one last bitter struggle.

For Relief of Disabled Soldiers

The American Legion bill providing a fund of \$2,000,000 out of the state treasury, to be invested in Liberty bonds and other securities the income from which will be used in furnishing aid to disabled veterans of the world war and their dependents, went through the house on third reading by a vote of 90 to 3.

Committee Presents Banking Bill

The sitting committee has reported out fourteen bills for the house to work upon. One of these is the co-operative bank bill. Another is the department's blue sky bill, signed by fifty-six members as introducers.

Five others are bills relating to procedure recommended by the state bar association. Another is H. R. 153, authorizing the sale of state school lands as fast as the leases expire.

For Handling Bank Failures

Appointment of J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, as receiver for the defunct Castetter bank of Blair, inaugurated a policy that the department will follow in future bank failures, as has been announced by Secretary Hart.

The department will not only ask that it be given the receivership, but Governor McKelvie, it is said, is planning to introduce a bill in the present session of the legislature to require this procedure.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Prairie hay is selling at Callaway for \$5 a ton.

An oil well is being sunk on the Hamilton farm near Blue Springs.

Mrs. T. E. Pallet of Callaway died suddenly at a hospital in Grand Island.

The Buffalo county fair will be held at Kearney August 30 to September 2.

The district convention of the state Kiwanis clubs will be held in Omaha April 14.

The Ord schools are arranging an extensive exhibit of school and industrial work.

Miss Helen Tracy of Pawnee City is dead of blood poisoning caused by a carbuncle on the lip.

Dr. J. Jones and R. G. Cressman have been appointed members of the pension board at Hastings.

Rev. W. C. Kelley of the M. E. church at Geneva has accepted a call to the pastorate at Cambridge.

Revival meetings are in progress at the Christian church at Burwell under leadership of Rev. A. S. Reeves.

The site for the new city hall at Ord is still up in the air. A number of locations are under consideration.

Mrs. Mollie Mead, wife of Ed Mead, chief of the Hastings fire department, committed suicide by taking poison.

Albert Roberts, a 15 year old Wymore lad, had his right leg broken, when he was thrown from his horse.

It is probable that the matter of a municipal light and ice plant for Osceola will be voted upon at the spring election.

Fire caused by defective wiring damaged the First M. E. church at Chadron to the extent of several hundred dollars.

A round-up of Gage county automobile owners who have failed to take out their 1921 licenses is being made by state agents.

The question of a municipal swimming pool, which has been agitated for some time by the Ord Community club, is still before the people.

The regular biennial legislative league banquet will be held this year at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce on the evening of April 4.

The Anselby city council will not grant a license to an open pool hall, consequently there are several such places in town run as clubs.

L. A. Morris of Aurora burned his hand severely when a can of roof cement he was opening caught on fire from spontaneous combustion.

Little Edwin Dahlgren, 5 years old, was badly scalded when he fell into a vat of boiling water, which his parents were using in butchering hogs.

Three Upland youths who spent the night in jail at Minden pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor and paid fines of \$100 and costs each.

The home of William J. Duffin, three miles west of Greeley, burned to the ground, the fire starting from a hard rendering in the oven of the kitchen range.

Owing to prevalence of small pox in that place, the Wymore city health authorities have recommended to the school board that all school children be vaccinated.

Harry B. Reed, for many years employed in the postoffice at Columbus, has been appointed temporary postmaster to take the place of S. E. Marty, who is to retire.

Secretary J. E. Hart of the department of trade and commerce has named A. D. Touzalin of Omaha, former state bank examiner, as agent in charge of the Castetter bank at Blair.

F. W. True, a young farmer of Bloomfield, who last week marketed his first shipment since he started to farm, was proud to think that his hogs topped the South Omaha market. The 62 head that averaged 167 pounds, sold to a local packer for \$10.50.

One hundred and sixty practicing veterinarians of Nebraska attended a short course in animal tuberculosis at the College of Agriculture at Lincoln, the week of March 7. The purpose of the course was to study the problems connected with tuberculosis and the use of the tuberculin test, particularly with the view of aiding the men who may be engaged in tuberculosis eradication and who will assist in accredited herd work. The forenoon was spent in lectures and discussions and the afternoons in laboratory work and practical demonstrations.

Citizens of the Hastings neighborhood have organized the Adams county agricultural society, and will have a fair the coming fall.

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the Catholic church at Emerson. But few of the furnishings were saved. It is thought that a short circuit or defective fuse caused the blaze.

The large statue of Abraham Lincoln presented to the Nebraska City high school by the class of 1920, has arrived and will soon be placed in position. The statue is seven feet and two inches in height.

The pool hall at Harrison, operated by Frank Bierhoffer, was entered by burglars and the cash register robbed of \$30. All of jewelry on a punch board card was also taken.

At the declamatory contest in the McCook high school, eleven pupils took part. Miss Agnes Duncan was chosen to represent McCook high in the district contest in Arapahoe.

Mrs. Wallace Pitt, residing near Harrison, recently gave birth to her eighteenth child. This was the first girl, the remainder being boys. Eleven are living. Mrs. Pitt holds the "record" family in western Nebraska.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wallace was celebrated at their home in Etope last week.

Several acres of spring grain have already been planted in the vicinity of Callaway, and the ground is said to be in excellent shape.

A mother and daughter banquet was held at the Methodist church at Fairbury one evening last week, plates being laid for over 200.

One case of scarlet fever, under quarantine at Big Springs, has caused local officials to take precautions to prevent a spread of the disease.

A movement has been started at Taylor to vote bonds in the sum of \$25,000, at the spring election, for the erection of a new school building.

Capt. A. M. Trimble, 82, died suddenly at his home in Lincoln. Captain Trimble at one time was department commander of the G. A. R. in Nebraska.

Henry Koenig dropped dead at the farm of his brother near Columbus. He had just left the house to do the milking when overcome by an attack of apoplexy.

The Wheat Growers' Association of America will soon begin a campaign to get farmers to contract to sell their wheat through the association for five years in Phelps county.

To Saline county went the honor of topping all other counties in the United States in the "Better Sires, Better Live Stock" campaign for the quarter ending January 1, 1921.

Dr. C. C. Cone has recently stocked his farm on the Republican river in the north part of Furnas county with pheasants, which were received from the state game warden.

"Beer is dead, and can never come back in Nebraska," said United States District Attorney T. C. Allen, when questioned as to the legality of brewing beer under the recent Palmer decision.

Elk Creek has made arrangements to buy electric power for lighting and power of the city of Tecumseh. A transmission line will be built the eight and one-half miles between the two towns.

Mrs. Lucy Minor, negress, dropped dead while attending services at the A. M. E. church at Nebraska City. After testifying she took her seat, gasped and died before medical assistance could arrive.

Ord Community Service club serves a noon-day lunch every Monday, open to everybody. Traveling men, visitors and women are invited. Ord is said to be the smallest town in the state with this feature.

D. E. Thompson of Lincoln, now in California, is the first individual in the state to donate a carload of corn to the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation for the gift-corn project to relieve suffering in Europe and China.

Secretary of State D. M. Ainsberry, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago, is fast gaining strength, but his physicians have recommended that he remain quiet and leave his duties alone for a while.

Dr. R. L. Paine, a resident of Lincoln for forty-two years and at one time candidate for governor of Nebraska on the prohibition ticket, died Sunday in his rooms in a Lincoln hotel following a stroke of paralysis suffered last week.

Railroad officials announce an order discontinuing the 35 per cent increase on live stock freight rates, made when the railroads were turned back by the government. This order will go into effect April 1 and remain in force until July 15, 1921.

Despite the unfavorable conditions of last fall, the farmers of the Upper Loup country have on hand a large number of fat cattle ready for market in the near future. The amount of corn and hay on hand is surprising for the time of year, farmers say.

The great slump in the value of farm products in Nebraska is revealed in a bulletin of agricultural statistics recently published by the State Department of Agriculture. The 1920 corn crop, though much larger, is valued at 100 million dollars less than the 1919 crop. Cattle on farms in 1920 are valued at 100 million dollars less than in 1918. The hogs in the state in 1918 were worth 61 million dollars, 42 millions in 1919, and 28 millions in 1920. The 1920 alfalfa crop dropped to a value of 35 millions, compared to 64 millions the previous year, while last year's wild hay crop was worth but little more than a third of the 1919 crop. Horses show a drop of 25 million dollars less than the 1919 crop. Even the oats crop of last year was worth 11 million dollars less than in 1919.

Rev. W. P. Hieronymus, A. B., Columbus, O., has accepted the call to the presidency of Hebron academy.

The 50th anniversary of the founding of the First Congregational church at Crete was celebrated last week by a banquet in the church basement.

A broken knee cap was sustained by Henry Dickman of Plymouth, when his horse ran away and kicked him through the dash board of his buggy.

Maurice Wilson, Pawnee City high school student, was badly burned on the hands and about the face when the gasoline tank in his automobile exploded.

Miss Ruth Glasser, deputy county clerk, was painfully hurt when the automobile in which she was riding with her father and two sisters skidded on a steel covered road near Osceola and landed upside down in a ditch, pinning the occupants underneath.

Fontenelle chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will purchase an expensive memorial tablet bearing the names of Cass county soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the late war. The tablet will be placed in the Cass county court house at Plattsmouth.